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EDITORIAL NOTES.

South Africa! THE ANGLO-SAXON would be glad to hear from you from time to time.

The scheme for social evenings inaugurated by Brighton Lodge, Toronto, is a good one, and we recommend it to the attention of all the lodges. The more the objects of our society are discussed, the more firmly will they become rooted in the minds of members. Brighton's plan is a direct encouragement to our younger members to cultivate the art of public speaking, and as such is deserving of the highest commendation.

We regret to learn that the scheme of Bro. R. J. Tanner, of Bowood Lodge, Ottawa, for a series of concerts under the auspices of the different lodges of the Sons of England, commencing with Montreal and working westward, is not meeting with that encouragement which it deserves. In order to ensure success ten concerts must be guaranteed, and it will be a matter for regret if that number of lodges are not prepared to support the proposal.

From our lodge notes it will be observed that the practice of lodges interchanging fraternal visits is spreading. Britannia Lodge, Hamilton, visited Acorn Lodge last month, and Derby Lodge, Ottawa, visited Stanley, No. 55. Let the good work continue. Nothing encourages a weaker lodge than a visit from a senior lodge, and in places where more than one lodge exists a spirit of emulation is evoked which cannot but result in benefit to the order as a whole.

The news the cable brought us a day or two ago, that the great miner's strike in Yorkshire and Derbyshire had been terminated by the colliery owners conceding the ten per cent advance asked for by the men must be gratifying to the hundreds of friends in Canada of those who would have been most affected by the strike. With winter just setting in the effect of a prolonged strike on thousands of families in those populous English districts must have been terrible. We are glad the owners have made the concession to which the miners appear to be fully entitled.

It is just 83 years ago since the Battle of Trafalgar was fought, and Lord Nelson on board his ship the *Victory* exclaimed, as the sands of life were running out, "I have done my duty; I praise God for it." Our ships and our men in those days were hearts of oak. The good ship *Victory* is still in evidence as a visible memorial of a glorious naval achievement. It has been put in a state of repair, and has been given another lease of life for a century or so. It is a saddening reminder of humanity's brief term of life that the gallant fellows who made history on that memorable day have been blotted out of existence while their ship is still afloat.

It is somewhat disappointing to us that more of the brethren have not tackled the question, "How far should the limits of our order extend?" particularly when it is considered that there is such a diversity of opinion on the subject. In view of the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge, when the matter will again crop up, as it invariably does every year, a thorough discussion of the question in the columns of THE ANGLO-SAXON would not be out of place. We have pleasure in publishing Mr. Will T. James' admirable paper, although we cannot endorse all his views. Possibly some of the brethren may have something to say on point. Meantime Bro. James has our thanks.

Readers of this month's issue will notice an increase in the reports from the subordinate lodges. THE ANGLO-SAXON is the recognized organ of the Sons of England, and as such its columns are open to any brother to ventilate his views on matters of interest to the order. We trust that each lodge will appoint a correspondent to send along items of interest every month. Bro. Carter looks after the official notices, Bro. Barker the Toronto lodges and Bro. Kempling Barrie, Orillia and Gravenhurst. Will the lodges in Montreal, Cornwall, Belleville, Port Perry, Hamilton, St. Thomas, London, Collingwood, Bowmanville, Peterborough, Windsor, Aylmer and other places please help us in this matter.

Mr. Balfour is the latest example of the wonderful versatility of British statesmen. Recently before the Church Congress at Manchester he read an elaborate paper on Auguste Courte's philosophy "The Religion of Humanity," Speaking of the address, the *Times* says:

"The Irish Secretary vanished completely from sight, and Mr. Balfour appeared as a master of philosophic speculation. Not content with this display of intellectual versatility, he was ready once more to take part in a workingman's meeting on 'the needs of human nature and their supply in Christianity.' The achievement is in accordance with some of the best traditions of English statesmanship. English public men of the first rank have rarely allowed politics to absorb all their interest. The late Lord Iddesleigh was never so happy as when he could lay aside the cares of state and talk to his own people on topics of general interest and concern. Lord Beaconsfield was a versatile and accomplished man of letters. Mr. Gladstone has given many an example of his wide and multifarious interests, and there are few topics which could engage the attention of a church congress on which he would not be able to hold his own with the best of those present. Mr. Balfour does well to follow these laudible examples, and to show, as he showed last year in his rectorial address at St. Andrew's, that he has not wholly given up to politics the intellectual acumen which is seen to much advantage in more speculative pursuits."

How few statesmen on the other side of the line there are who can indulge in any other pastime than "twisting the lion's tail" or "making the eagle scream."